Assam Government dues to Power Grid Corporation of India

4325. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item published in the North East Times of 10th January, 2001 under the heading "ASSAM LARGEST DEFAULTER" Parliamentary Committee told; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto and the steps being taken to recover the arrears from the Assam Government due to Power Grid Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Assam Government/ASEB have outstanding dues of around Rs. 1087.19 crores payable to Central Sector Power Corporations as on 31st January, 2001 out of which Rs. 692.86 crores is payable to NEEPCO, Rs. 190.10 crores to POWER GRID and Rs. 150.41 crores to REC.

POWER GRID has been following up the matter with the Government of Assam and ASEB for liquidation of the outstanding dues. The Central Government has approved a scheme of securitisation of dues which, on implementation, will go a long way in liquidating the outstanding dues of Central Sector Power Corporation to a large extent.

Percentage of electricity generated

4326. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electricity is also generated through the projects under State Electricity Boards in addition to the electricity generated through the Undertakings of the Central Government in the country;

(b) if so, what percentage of electricity is generated by the